Plant and Burnpur Works of IISCO are yet to be approved by the Government. Details are given below:

DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

Modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant was sanctioned at a Definitive Cost Estimate of Rs. 2667.56 crores in February '89 on base date of IIIrd quarter 1988. The project is likely to cost now Rs. 3897.31 crores on the base date of May '92 The approved outlay for the project in the 8th plan period is Rs. 1810 crores.

ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 3954 crores base 1st quarter 1992. The approved outlay for the project in the 8th plan period is Rs. 35.45 crores.

INDIAN IRON AND STEEL COMPANY LIMITED

Private participation for the modernisation of IISCO, Burnpur is under examination of the Government.

Steel Auhority of India Limited

620. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India has identified marketing and increased profitability as the priority areas for the company; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the action plan stating time by which these are to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Salient features of the Action Plan are as follows:

PROFITABILITY

(i) Increase in production of saleable steel.

(ii) Improvement of techno-economic parameters so as to effect cost reduction.

(iii) Reduction in energy consumption.

(iv) Improvement in yield of by-products and better recovery of waste and secondary arisings.

(v) Optimising captive power generation.

(vi) Better inventory management.

(vii) Vigorous implementation of budgetary control system.

(viii) Inculcation of cost consciousness at all levels in the Company.

(ix) Modernisation and technological upgradation of plant and equipment.

MARKETING

(i) Suitable adjustment of product-mix in line with market demand and greater emphasis on value added products.

(ii) Strengthening of market research.

(iii) Improvement of customer relationship.

(iv) Stepping up of exports.

(v) Close monitoring of movement of materials from plants to consumption centres.

Improving profitability is an ongoing process.

दुर्गापुर इस्पात संयंत्र का आधुनिकीकरण

621. **श्री गया सिंह**: क्या इस्पात मंत्री 4 दिसम्बर, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न सं. 1928 के दिए

गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दुर्गापुर इस्पात संयंत्र के आधुनिकीकरण-कार्य में इतना अधिक विलम्ब होने के क्या कारण हैं और क्या बात-भट्टी को अक्तूबर, 1992 में चालू किया जाना निर्धारित किया गया था और यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक चालू किये जाने की संभावना है ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : दुर्गापुर इस्पात संयंत्र के आधुनिकीकरण के क्रियान्वयन में उसकी निर्धारित समय सूची मार्च, 1993 में काम पूरा न होने के मुख्य कारण निम्नलिखित हैं :–

(i) संरचनात्मक और उपस्करों की सप्लाई में विलम्ब।

(ii) कार्य की मात्रा में वृद्धि विशेष रूप से धमन भट्टी और सिन्टर संयंत्र पैकेजों में सिविल और संरचनात्मक कार्यों के बारे में।

(iii) स्थल कार्य के लिए पर्याप्त संसाधनों का न होना।

(iv) विभिन्न पैकेजों के लिए उपस्करों की सप्लाई में विलम्ब।

मूल समय-सूची के अनुसार 3 भट्टियों का पुनर्निर्माण कार्य जनवरी, 1993 तक पूरा किया जाना था। इस समय-सूची के स्थान पर संभावना है कि प्रथम-धमन भट्टी पुनर्निर्माण के बाद जून, 1993 तक चालू कर ली जाएगी। तत्पश्चात् अन्य दो धमन भट्टियों को पुनर्निर्माण और चालू करने के लिए क्रमिक रूप से शुरू किए जाने की संभावना है।

Increase in Price of Steel

622. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of Iron and Steel items have been increased by the Steel Authority of India Ltd. recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the increase made and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b): SAIL has revised its prices of iron and steel materials with effect from the midnight of 2nd/3rd February, 1993 with a view to rationalise the price structure and also to partially compensate for the escalation in input costs. Comparative statement indicating ex-works prices of representative iron and steel items prior to and as on 3rd February, 1993 is given at Annexure (See Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 10)

Allocation of Funds for Nehru Rojgar Yojana

623. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been a steep fall in allocation of funds for the Nehru Rozgar Yojana this year (1992-93), if so, the comparative allocation figures for 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93, State-wise and Union Territory wise

(b) the allocations per thousand unemployed youth in each State and Union Territory during these years; and

(c) whether any provisions for reservation of specified quota of allocations to SC and ST categories of unemployed youth have been made under the Yojana, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir. A statement showing the details of Central